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SUBJECT: LEASE FOR APARTMENT FOR NCOIC HUNT

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROVE LEASING AN APARTMENT FOR NCOIC HUNT (E-7). LEASE ON CURRENT APARTMENT FOR NCOIC IS DUE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 14 THIS YEAR, LANDLORD CLEARLY INTENDS TO REOCCUPY.

2. FOR PROPOSED REPLACEMENT APARTMENT, RENT IS L.S. 65,000 ANNUALLY (U.S. 16,666.00) PAYABLE TWO YEARS IN ADVANCE WITH OPTION TO RENEW ANNUALLY AT SAME PRICE FOR ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS. THEREFORE, TOTAL INITIAL COST IS SYRIAN POUNDS 130,000 (U.S. \$ 33,333.34) AND L.S. 1625 (U.S. \$ 417.00) FOR THE LEASING AGENT'S FEE.

3. APARTMENT IS OWNED BY MR. BASSAM ATASSI, IS LOCATED AT CHARE ZENOUBIA, WEST MALKI, FARRA/HAFEZ & JEJEH BUILDING, PLOT 62 (BASEMENT), DAMASCUS, SAR. IT CONSISTS OF 2 SALONS, ONE DINING ROOM, 3 BEDROOMS, STORAGE AREA, 2 BATHS, 1 KITCHEN, WITH CENTRAL HEATING, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 265 SQUARE METERS. IT HAS A GARDEN.

4. HUNT HAS WIFE AND CHILD AT POST. NEED APPROVAL SOON DUE TO HIS IMPENDING MEDICAL EVACUATION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS (MID-OCT). AFTER HE MOVES FROM PRESENT APARTMENT, IT CAN BE USED AS BADLY NEEDED TRANSIT QUARTERS FOR REMAINING MONTH ON LEASE. ALSO WE MUST OBLIGATE THESE FUNDS BEFORE END OF THIS FISCAL QUARTER.
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